



DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAMS

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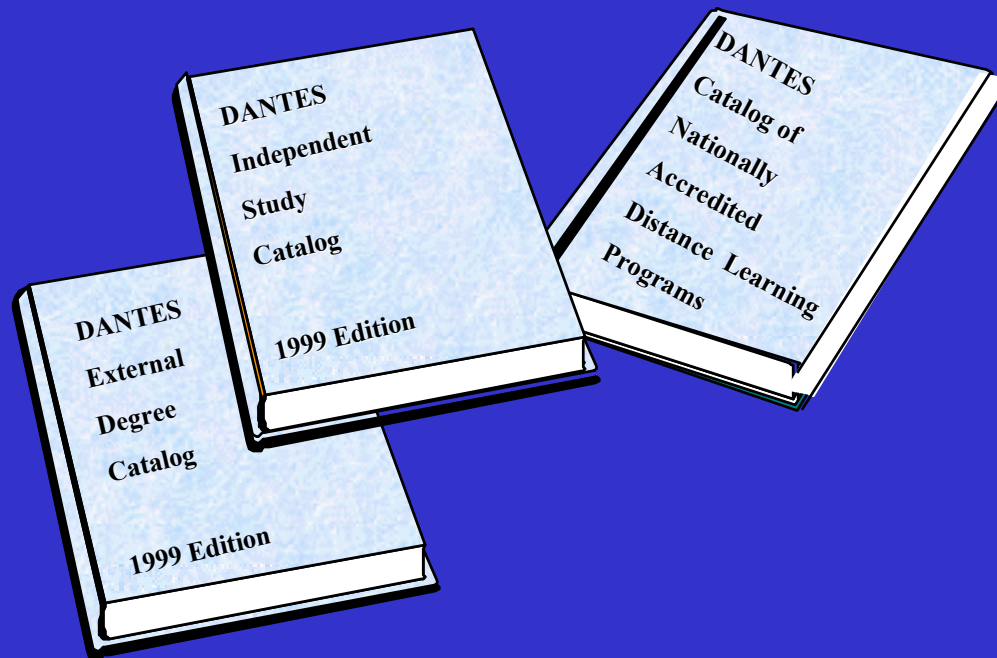


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How Do We Serve Our Clients?



By enhancing access to
educational opportunities...



Enhancing Access to Educational Opportunities

We...

- ✧ **Provide Information**
- ✧ **Remove Obstacles**
- ✧ **Protect Student**
- ✧ **Support ESOs**



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Enhancing Access to Distance Learning...Providing Information

We...

- ✧ Gather information from institutions about distance learning offerings,
- ✧ Organize the information into an easily usable format,
- ✧ Publish the information as print, CD and on-line catalogs and
- ✧ Distribute them to the Services' Voluntary Education Programs at military installations all over the world



Providing Information

DANTES Publishes Three
Distance Learning Catalogs



DANTES Independent Study Catalog



DANTES External Degree Catalog



DANTES Catalog of Nationally Accredited
Distance Learning Programs



Providing Information

DANTES Independent Study Catalog

Over 6,000 individual courses from high school to masters degree level from 46 regionally accredited institutions.

Guard members may find these courses useful when they:

- Need specific courses to **complete degree requirements**.
- Need to meet **personal growth objectives**.
- Need specific skills for



Providing Information

DANTES External Degree Catalog

Nearly **650** degrees from certificate to doctoral level
from over **110** regionally accredited institutions.

More than:

- ***70** Certificate programs*
- ***150** Associate degrees*
- ***160** Bachelor degrees*
- ***220** Masters degrees*
- ***30** Doctoral programs*

*Most degree programs have **NO** residency requirements.



Providing Information

DANTES Catalog of Nationally Accredited Distance Learning Programs

A wide range of educational opportunities from 40 nationally accredited institutions.

- *applied nutrition, emergency medical services, health information technology,*
- *health sciences, military studies, religious studies, electronics, computer science, project management, and much more!*
- *paralegal studies, gunsmithing, travel, tax preparation, accounting, information technology, real estate management, and much more!*



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Enhancing Access to Distance Learning...Removing Obstacles

- ✧ Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) -- school and DANTES agree on principles and procedures
- ✧ DANTES Enrollment Form - Acceptable to DANTES affiliated schools for course enrollment
- ✧ Servicemembers' Opportunity College (SOC) membership for two-year schools
- ✧ Schools agree to send DANTES evidence of course completion



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Enhancing Access to Educational Opportunities...Student Protection

SCHOOL IS APPROPRIATELY
ACCREDITED



ACCREDITATION

- DOD Instruction 1322.25:

E2.1.8. Tuition Assistance shall be provided only for courses offered by postsecondary institutions accredited by a national or regional accrediting body recognized by the Department of Education.



What is Accreditation?

- Voluntary, non-governmental, peer group
- Method of identifying institutions which meet published standards of quality
- Assure quality and assist institutions to continuously improve



FUNCTIONS OF ACCREDITATION

- **VERIFY STANDARDS HAVE BEEN MET**
- **ASSIST PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS MAKE DECISIONS REGARDING APPLICATION AND MATRICULATION**
- **ASSIST SCHOOLS MAKE DECISIONS ABOUT TRANSFER CREDIT**
- **IDENTIFY SCHOOLS WORTHY OF INVESTMENT OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE FUNDS**
- **PROTECT THE SCHOOL**



FUNCTIONS OF ACCREDITATION (CONTINUED)

- **CREATE GOALS FOR SCHOOL'S SELF-IMPROVEMENT**
- **INVOLVE FACULTY AND STAFF IN PLANNING AND EVALUATION**
- **ESTABLISH CRITERIA FOR CERTIFICATION AND LICENSURE AND FOR UPGRADING COURSES**
- **PROVIDING ONE OF SEVERAL CONSIDERATION USED AS BASIS FOR DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL FUNDS**



Accreditation: A "Reasonable Assurance"

- Instruction is academically sound
- Facilities and equipment are adequate
- Faculty is competent
- Courses are current
- Recruiting practices are ethical
- Graduates are successful, satisfied
- Advertising is truthful
- Student services are adequate



Types of Accreditation

→ Regional

→ National

→ Special/Professional



Regionally Accredited

- Local Community Colleges
- Members of the State System of Higher Education
- Private Universities
- Schools in External Degree Catalog
- Schools in Independent Study Catalog



Nationally Accredited

- ➔ Mostly Proprietary, For-Profit Schools
- ➔ Member Schools of Distance Education and Training Council
- ➔ Schools in DANTES Catalog of Nationally Accredited Distance Learning Programs
- ➔ Services' distance learning training schools, such as AIPD, Marine Corps Institute, etc.



Specialized Accreditation

- ➔ Accreditation is for a specific program, generally not for the entire school
- ➔ Programs are accredited by one of about 65 professional accrediting agencies
- ➔ Examples of specialized accreditation are law, medicine, nursing, clinical psychology, computer science, dietetics, etc.



SCAM SCHOOLS & DIPLOMA MILLS



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- ACCREDITATION
- ADVERTISING & MARKETING
- TUITION & FEES
- POLICIES



SCAM SCHOOLS & DIPLOMA MILLS

→ ACCREDITATION

- SCHOOL CITES LICENSE, APPROVAL, RATING & CORPORATIONS USING THEIR SERVICES
- SCHOOL CITES BOGUS ACCREDITING BODY (MUST BE DEPT OF ED RECOGNIZED)
- SELF-RIGHTEOUS: TRADITION IS NARROW-MINDED, PROTECTING ELITE, THWARTING INNOVATION



SCAM SCHOOLS & DIPLOMA MILLS

→ ADVERTISING & MARKETING

- GUARANTEES OF EMPLOYMENT, ADVANCEMENT, SALARY-LEVELS
- TESTIMONIALS FROM GRADUATES
- CREDIT FOR LIFE EXPERIENCE WITHOUT ASSESSMENT OR EVALUATION
- DEGREE COMPLETION POSSIBLE IN TOO LITTLE TIME



SCAM SCHOOLS & DIPLOMA MILLS

→ TUITION & FEES

→ CHARGE BY THE DEGREE

→ LIMITED TIME TO SIGN UP - BLUE LIGHT SPECIAL

→ PRESSURE TO DECIDE NOW - OFFER WILL BE WITHDRAWN SHORTLY

→ QUALIFIED FOR A SCHOLARSHIP

→ EASY CREDIT/FINANCING AVAILABLE



SCAM SCHOOLS & DIPLOMA MILLS

→ ACADEMIC POLICIES

- NO ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS OR REQUIREMENTS ARE EASILY BY-PASSED
- INAPPROPRIATELY WIDE RANGE OF DEGREES AND TITLES
- NO DEGREE REQUIREMENTS
- NO ASSESSMENTS OR EVALUATIONS



SCAM SCHOOLS & DIPLOMA MILLS

→ POINTS TO REMEMBER:

- PRIOR TO ENROLLING, THE PROSPECTIVE STUDENT MUST ENSURE THAT COMPLETION OF THE PROGRAM WILL HAVE THE DESIRED RESULT
- ACCREDITING BODY MUST BE DEPT OF ED RECOGNIZED
- IF IT SOUNDS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE, IT PROBABLY IS



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Enhancing Access to Educational Opportunities...ESO Support

- DANTES Provides TA Fund Management Services to Several DOD Components
 - Army National Guard & Army Reserves
 - Active Duty Army & Marine Corps
 - Air Force Reserve & Air Guard



DANTES Manages TA for Active Duty Army

- Distance Learning 24 weeks or longer
- TA reimbursed - no recoupment potential
- TA must be approved before enrollment takes place



DANTES Manages TA for Air Force Reserve

- TA reimbursed - no recoupment potential
- Distance learning and classroom based
- TA must be approved before enrollment takes place



DANTES Manages TA for Air National Guard

- TA reimbursed - no recoupment potential
- School must be in a DANTES catalog
- TA must be approved before enrollment takes place



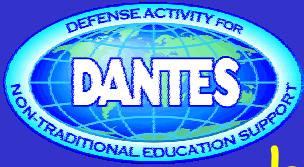
TA for Army National Guard and Army Reserves

- The Army Reserves processes their own TA for courses beginning after 30 Sep 2003
- The Army National Guard processes their own TA for Courses beginning after 30 Sep 2004
- DANTES will continue to process prior years TA when the invoices and TA forms are submitted by the schools



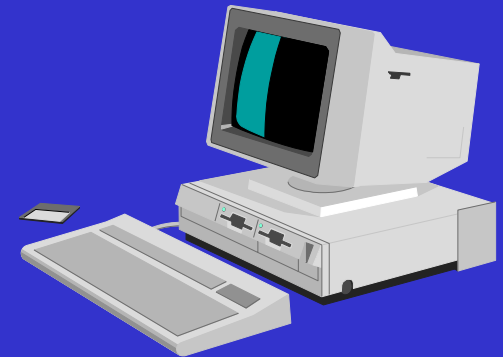
Tuition Assistance (TA)

- DANTES has NO TA policy
- DANTES manages TA according to the policies established by the supported component



http://www.dantes.doded.mil/dantes_web/tuitionassistance/index.htm

1. About Tuition Assistance
2. Information for Students
3. Information for Education Offices
4. Information for Institutions
5. Electronic Funds Transfer for TA
6. Tuition Assistance Matrix





Some Things to Consider



KEY QUESTION

Are the demands of work and family preventing your students from pursuing their education?

If the answer is **YES** to this question,

DANTES Distance Learning may be the Answer!



Identifying the Potential Distance Learning Student

- How many soldiers have the luxury of being a full-time student?
- How many soldiers have the luxury of attending classes during the day on a campus?
- What segments of your market will be most interested in distance learning opportunities?



DL isn't for everyone

- Courses can be more rigorous than classroom-based
- Requires considerable self discipline and perseverance
- Usually requires a computer and may require access to the Internet
- Usually good to have some college-level experience prior to enrolling in DL courses



Readiness Checklist

ARE YOU?

- ? Self-motivated
- ? Self-disciplined
- ? A good manager of your time
- ? Able to read for comprehension
- ? Goal directed
- ? Confident
- ? Persistent



Readiness Checklist

DO YOU HAVE ?

- ? Commuting problems
- ? Conflicts between schooling and "life"
- ? Access to the Internet



Readiness Checklist

ARE YOU WILLING TO...?

- ? Try something new
- ? Function in non-structured environment
- ? Express your thoughts in writing
- ? Actively participate by working on projects, doing tasks, etc.



DL Resources



ACE's Accredited Institutions of Postsecondary Education



Peterson's Guide to Distance Learning Programs



Bears' Guide to Earning Degrees Nontraditionally



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